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HADID

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1. REFTEL INFO PASSED TO HADID WHO IS VERY APPRECIATIVE OF  
MCCRACKEN/BLS SUPPORT AND INTEREST. HADID UNDERSTANDS PROBABLE  
NEED OF UNDERGRADUATE COURSES DURING FIRST YEAR. HE WILL  
COMPLETE AND RETURN CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY ADMISSION FORMS UPON  
RECEIPT AND LOOKS FORWARD TO RECEIVING ARIZONA STATE AND  
OREGON STATE FORMS. HE HAS APPLIED FOR GRE AND TOEFL EXAMINATIONS.

2. IN NEW DEVELOPMENT, UNIDO INDUSTRIAL SURVEY AND WORLD  
BANK MANPOWER SURVEY LIKELY TO REQUIRE HADID PRESENCE IN UAE  
UNTIL LATE SUMMER, SO ACTUAL ARRIVAL IN U.S. WILL BE ONLY  
JUST PRIOR TO BEGINNING OF FALL TERM. THIS EFFECTIVELY FOR-  
CLOSES SUMMER ENGLISH LANGUAGE STUDY, BUT APPRECIATE ALA INTEREST.

3. HADID REQUIRES ADMISSION TO UNIVERSITY AS FIRST STEP  
BECAUSE UAE MINISTRY WILL NOT APPROVE AND FUND LEAVE OF  
ABSENCE WITHOUT ACCEPTANCE TO UNIVERSITY. ESL STUDIES  
ARE NOT SUFFICIENT TO GAIN MINISTRY LEAVE OF ABSENCE.  
EMBOFF IN COURSE OF ON-GOING DISCUSSION WITH HADID HAS HIGHER  
OPINION OF HIS ENGLISH LANGUAGE COMPREHENSION THAN INITIAL  
IMPRESSION. IT IS QUITE POSSIBLE THAT WITH EASY COURSE  
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LOAD, HADID WOULD HAVE NO SERIOUS PROBLEMS WITH ENGLISH  
AND THAT ATTENDANCE AT ENGLISH LANGUAGE INSTITUTE WOULD  
NOT BE NECESSARY.

4. THE QUESTION REMAINS ABOUT WHICH SCHOOL HADID SHOULD  
ATTEND. HADID IS LEANING TOWARDS ACCEPTING PROBABLE  
CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY ADMISSION. HIS REASONING IS THAT ITS

WASHINGTON LOCATION IS A POSITIVE FACTOR, GIVING BLS SUPPORT. HOWEVER, THE MINISTER OF PLANNING, SAID GHOBASH, FORMER UAE AMBASSADOR IN WASHINGTON, IS NOT CONVINCED THAT CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY IS BEST BET FOR HADID. WE EXPECT THAT THIS DISCUSSION WILL CONTINUE HERE FOR NEXT WEEK OR TWO AND WILL KEEP BLS POSTED AS TO PROGRESS. IN EMBOFF'S JUDGEMENT, HADID LIKELY TO CONVINCE GHOBASH WITHIN NEXT 10 DAYS TO ACCEPT ACCEPTANCE AT CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY. CURRENT UAE AMBASSADOR IN WASHINGTON, HAMID MADFAH, HAS SUGGESTED THAT HE CAN ARRANGE ADMISSION TO UNIV. OF DENVER WITHOUT PROBLEMS, BUT HADID IS NOT PARTICULARLY INTERESTED. IF HE WERE NOT TO GO TO CATHOLIC UNIV. HE WOULD PREFER TO GO TO STRONTER ACADEMIC INSTITUTIONS. DICKMAN

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